



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M No.25891 of 2025
Date of decision: 22.08.2025

Baljit Singh @ Meeta ... Petitioner

Vs.
State of Punjab ... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present:- Mr. Satinder Pal Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Roshandeep Singh, AAG, Punjab,
for the respondent-State.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (For short “BNSS”) seeking regular bail in the FIR mentioned below:-

FIR No.	Dated	Police Station	Sections
52	24.06.2024	Jodhan, District Ludhiana Rural	15 and 29 of the Narcotric Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short ‘NDPS’)

2. As per the allegations, on 24.06.2024 on receipt of a secret information, raid was conducted in the house of accused Avtar Singh @ Reshan and after completing requisite formalities, recovery of 9 quintal of poppy husk was effected from a room of his house. He was formally

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arrested and suffered disclosure statement on the basis of which the petitioner and the co-accused Lakhwinder Singh @ Lakhi was nominated as such. The petitioner was arrested on 03.11.2024. He suffered disclosure statement and in pursuance thereof got recovered 20 kgs of poppy husk and drug money of Rs.2,15,000/-. Investigation now stands completed.

3. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that he has been falsely implicated in this case. He is in custody since 03.11.2024. A false recovery of contraband has been planted upon him which is of non commercial quantity. The trial will take considerable time. His further incarceration would not serve any useful purpose. His involvement in other cases cannot be considered to be a reason for denying benefit of bail to him. It is, therefore, urged that he deserves to be released on bail.

4. Status report has been filed. It is argued by learned Assistant Advocate General, Punjab that keeping in view the gravity of the allegations as levelled against the petitioner, the petition does not deserve to be allowed.

5. This Court has considered the rival submissions.

6. The petitioner is in custody since 03.11.2024. Trial will take considerable time since none out of 11 prosecution witnesses has been examined by the prosecution. The petitioner stands acquitted in 5 of the 8 cases which have been previously registered against him. The recovery



alleged against him is of non commercial nature. The recovery from the co-accused cannot be foisted upon him. Keeping in view the above discussed facts, this Court is of the opinion that the petitioner has made out a case for release on bail. Accordingly, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be admitted to bail subject to his furnishing personal as well as surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court/CJM/Duty Magistrate concerned.

7. It is, however, clarified that observations made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

8. This order shall come into force from the time it is uploaded on this Court’s official webpage.

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(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No